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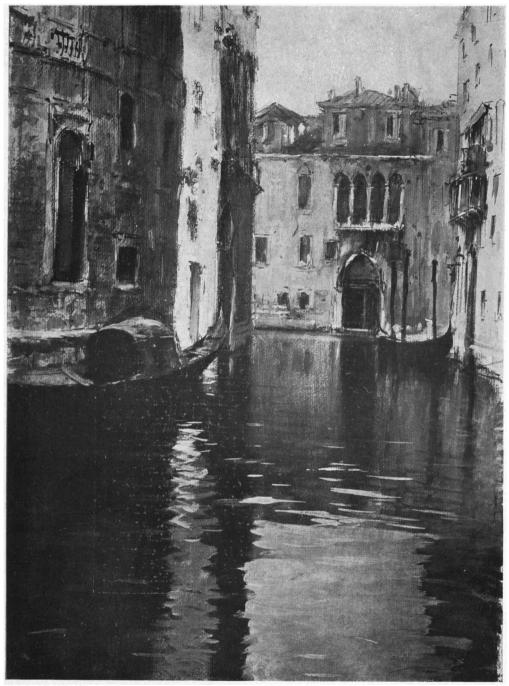
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"The Last Gleam," which is reproduced as a frontispiece in this number of ART AND PROGRESS, is a characteristic example of the work of F. Hopkinson The original was shown in the American Water Color Society's most recent exhibition. There have been many painters of Venice, but none more sympathetic than Mr. Smith. Each painter has seen the city from a different viewpoint and interpreted it through a different temperament; to no two is it the same, therefore comparisons are idle. As a painter F. Hopkinson Smith confines his production to a single medium, water color, which he employs with the utmost skill. His paintings, which are usually in gouache on gray paper, are strong, toneful and pleasing in color—intimate portraits of place touched with the romance which the artist is quick to discern and appreciate. But this versatile artist is something more than a painter; as a writer, a lecturer and an engineer he is no less distinguished. To few it is given to do so many things and all so well. The list of his writings is long and familiar; "A White Umbrella in Mexico" was one of his first books, "American Illustrators" and "Gondola Days" are among his later publications. Among his engineering works are the sea wall around Governor's Island, the Race Rock Light House, and the foundations for the Bartholdi Statue of Liberty in New York Harbor. Despite his numerous achievements it is hard to realize that this gifted painter has lived more than three score years and ten, for his is the spirit of perennial youth; but it is true-he was born in Baltimore, Maryland, on October twenty-third, 1838.



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F. HOPKINSON SMITH

THE AMERICAN WATER COLOR SOCIETY